



RECYCLING POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting. The Recycling Policy Study Committee met on October 19, 2015, in Des Moines. The charge of the Committee is to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of recycling policies in Iowa, including but not limited to bottle deposits, handling fees, government oversight and involvement, and the incidence of unreturned containers. Members elected Senator Rita Hart and Representative John Wills as the Chairpersons. Testimony was given to the Committee by the following:

- Overview of Beverage Container Recycling Laws and Overview of Recycling Policies – Alex Moon, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Panel Discussion – Distributors:
 - Kirk Tyler, President, Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company
 - Don Hensen, Vice President Plains Region, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group
 - Kyle Gansen, Field Operations Manager, Lime Rock Springs Co./Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Dubuque
 - Jay Doll, Doll Distributing, LLC, Des Moines
- Panel Discussion – Retailers:
 - Pat Hensley, Senior Vice President, Hy-Vee
 - Paul Schemmel, Fareway
 - Steve Grolmus, Owner, North Scott Foods in Eldridge and Williamsburg
- Panel Discussion – Redemption Centers:
 - Joe Strunk, Owner, Main Ave Redemption Center, Clinton
 - Troy Willard, Managing Member, Can Shed LLC, Cedar Rapids
- Economics of the Bottle Bill – Dr. Dermot Hayes, Professor of Finance, Iowa State University
- Panel Discussion – Recyclers :
 - Mick Barry, President, Mid-America Recycling, Des Moines
 - Scott Dittmer, Dittmer Recycling, Inc., Dubuque
 - Susan V. Collins, President, Container Recycling Institute
- Panel Discussion – Recycling – Beyond the Bottle Bill:
 - Eric O'Brien, Sustainability Coordinator, University of Northern Iowa
 - Dubuque Comprehensive Municipal Recycling Program
 - Paul Schultz, Retired Resource Management Coordinator, City of Dubuque
 - Kathy Morris, Director, Waste Commission of Scott County
 - Reo Menning, Director, Metro Waste Authority, Des Moines
 - Tony Colosimo, CEO, Phoenix Recycling, Des Moines
 - Eric Holthaus, Sustainability Coordinator, University of Iowa

Additional Information. The members agreed to create a comprehensive task force that includes legislators and stakeholders to develop a long-term plan for recycling. Additional information is available at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=86&session=1&groupID=24163>.

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